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SHORTAGE OF MOBILE CONNECTION IN ANDAMAN NICOBAR ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is an acute shortage of BSNL mobile connection in Andaman & Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the remedial measures taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(c) the time by when the shortage of BSNL mobile connection is likely to be met?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) There is no shortage of mobile connections at Diglipur, Mayabunder, Rangot, Garacharma, Cambellbay, Kamorta, Hutbay and Carnicobar areas in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. However, due to capacity constraints, Pre-Paid Cellular connections in Port Blair Municipality area are not being provided at present.

(b) & (c) BSNL is augmenting its Cellular Network in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and the shortage of BSNL Pre-paid connection in Port Blair area is expected to be met by the end of current financial year.